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PATENT

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Client Ref. No.: 349901275US01

In re application of:

KEIJI USUBA et al.

Application No.: 09/589,526

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For: TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT  
FOR NETWORK AND NETWORK  
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

Customer No.: 20350

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.